(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the suggestions made by it;

(c) whether Government have accepted its suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) A Committee named Drug Price Control Review Committee (DPCRC), under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals was set up to review the current drug price control mechanism and to suggest alternative models, if any, with a view to reducing the rigours of price control, where they had become counter productive. The recommendations of the Committee have been taken into account while formulating the 'Pharmaceutical Policy-2002' announced by the Government recently.

Development of Chilka Lake

1355. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has submitted a Master Plan for development of Chilka Lake in that State;

(b) whether Government are considering the plan and whether any action has been taken in that regard; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to restore ecology of the largest blue lagoon of Asia?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the recommendations of the 11th Finance Commission, the action plan for eco-restoration of Chilka lake was formulated by the State Government at a total cost of Rs. 30 crores for sanction under the the special problem grant from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

(b) and (c) The action Plan was approved by Government of India for implementation between 2000-04 and includes activities, such as catchment area treatment, improvement of water exchange and salinity ingredient, restoration of Nalabana sanctuary, environment awareness and public participation, fishery resources and socio-economic development and weed management. In addition, Ministry of Environment and Forests has also released

an amount of Rs. 306.24 lakhs till date for the activities related to catchment area treatment.

Wildlife Advisory Board, Orissa

1356. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times has the State Wildlife Advisory Board, Orissa met during the years, 1999 to 2002, year-wise; and

(b) what are the details of major decisions of such meetings with regard to setting up of wildlife sanctuaries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) During the period 1999-2002 the State Wildlife Advisory Board of Orissa met once *i.e.* on 12.1.1999. At this meeting the Board decided that following six sanctuaries be taken up on priority basis for notification:—

i. Kondakamberu Sanctuary

ii. Kapilash Sanctuary

iii. Gandhamardan Sanctuary

iv. Narayanpatna Sanctuary

v. Malyagiri Sanctuary

vi. Nagarmukh Dolphin Sanctuary

Clean Ganga

1357. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "How clean is Ganga, anyway", published in the Hindustan Times dated 17th February, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) on which date the Ganga Cleaning Authority was set up;